



Welcome to the Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association's 25th Conference.

November 8-11, 2012

Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA (near Harrisburg)

This year's conference promises to have something for everyone. There will be old favorites and many new topics. **Linda Cortright** will share her adventures with us. She will also discuss how various fibers are used around the world. **Cindy Ross**, author of *Scraping Heaven* will talk about her family's journey along the Continental Divide. Barb Parsons will discuss famous herdsires and dams, while **Debby Ullrich** will talk about confirmation and color genetics. **Marty McGee Bennett** will be presenting her latest training techniques. **Drs. Long, Van Saun, and Dechant** will be discussing emergency medicine, critical care, nutrition, herd management and reproduction.

If this isn't enough, we will have information on packing, marketing your camelid, pasture management, insurance needs, how to show your animal, birthing and more.

Are you wondering how you can expand your farm? Look no further. We will have information on bee keeping and fly tying.

If you have ever considered purchasing one of these majestic animals, are you interested in how to give shots, shear or do toenails? Then look no further, we have classes to meet your needs!

The fiber room will have many "Make & Take" items. Learn to needle felt, wet felt, weave, crochet, spin, and make a coaster (that can grow into a rug) with rug roving. We are thrilled to have Henry Ramsay, a nationally known author and fly tyer, teaching us to tie flies with lama fiber.

Each year this conference is made possible by the generosity of others so please consider becoming a sponsor. This is a special year and we would love for you to be present either in body or spirit (in otherwords, sponsoring) OR BOTH!

This year's conference committee and I would like to invite you to join us in celebrating GALA's 25th conference. On behalf of the entire 2012 GALA Conference committee we look forward to seeing you at this year's conference.

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“Camelids Warm Our Hearts,” the 2012 Annual Conference of the Greater Appalachian Llama & Alpaca Association will be held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Harrisburg/Grantville, Pennsylvania. The hotel has reserved a block of rooms on a first come, first served basis until October 8, 2012. Be sure to state that you are with GALA when you make your reservations. You may request a smoking or non-smoking room. We have one great price of \$93 plus tax per night for single or double rooms if booked by October 8th. Check-in is 4:00 p.m. and check-out is by 11:00 a.m..

**To Make Hotel Reservations call:
717-469-0661 or 800-315-2621**

Transportation:

The Holiday Inn Conference Center is 20 minutes from the Harrisburg airport. There is a hotel shuttle from the Harrisburg Airport which runs from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call the hotel to make your required 48 hours advanced reservation for shuttle service. Or you may wish to fly to the Baltimore-Washington Airport (BWI) & rent a car for the 1½ hour drive north. [Take the Baltimore Washington Parkway (Rt. 295) north to the Baltimore Beltway (Rt. 695), then around the west side of Baltimore north to Rt. I-83 junction. Follow the “from Baltimore/Washington” directions below.]

From Philadelphia: Take the PA Turnpike I-76 W to Exit 266 (Lebanon/Lancaster). Take 72N to 322W to 743N.

From New York / New Jersey: Take George Washington Bridge to I-80W, take 287S to I-78W to I-81, Hershey Exit 80 Grantville/Hershey).

From Pittsburgh: Take the PA Turnpike I-76E to Exit 226 (Carlisle), follow signs to I-81N to Exit 80 (Grantville/Hershey).

From Baltimore / Washington: Take I-83 N to I-81N to Exit 80 (Grantville/Hershey).

Conference Registration

Full Conference registration times:

Thursday 4:00-7:00 p.m. & Friday 7:00-7:55 a.m.

Partial Package Conference registration times:

Saturday 7:00-7:55 a.m. & Friday from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

You will receive a name tag at registration, (which reflects the name and farm name as they appear on your registration form).

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR NAME TAG WILL INSURE YOUR ADMITTANCE TO ALL SESSIONS AND MEALS. WEAR IT TO ALL CONFERENCE FUNCTIONS.

A limited number of individual meal tickets will be available for Conference attendees who are expecting a guest for Saturday night's banquet. Inquire at the registration table when you check in for the Conference.

Hotel registration must be done at the main desk of the Holiday Inn Conference Center which is to your left as you enter the hotel's main entrance.

GALA Membership Dues

If you have overlooked paying your annual membership dues or are new to GALA, please include your dues payment with your Conference registration form. GALA dues are \$40 yearly. The year runs from July 1st-June 30th. Check the space under **Join or Renew GALA membership** on the registration form. If you do not wish to join GALA, non-member conference registrations are available, but will cost \$50 more per person than member conference registrations.

Calendars for Sale

Celebrate GALA's 25th Anniversary by purchasing your 2013 Calendars from GALA. Calendars will feature GALA llamas at work, at play, on duty, and simply being clever and adorable. **Must be pre-ordered on your Registration form.** \$15 each. To submit photos for consideration see page 15.

Farm/Product Displays

Farm/Product displays are an excellent way to advertise. Each 18" x 8' space is \$60. A table is provided, but you must bring your own extension cord. If you want electricity. Be sure to circle “Electric” under Exhibits — Farm/Products Display on the registration form (Not all spaces have access to electricity.)

There are a limited number of farm/product display spaces so they will be on a first come, first served basis. Set up begins 4:00 p.m. Thursday.

Farm Banners

Farm banners are welcome and will be hung by the Marriott on a first come, first served basis, where space allows. Be sure to drop off your banners at the Conference registration table when you arrive and include identifying information on the back of your farm banner.

Sponsorship

Each year this conference is funded through the generosity of member and the organizations that they do business with. This year please consider becoming a sponsor (see registration form and the GALA website www.galaonline.org for additional information). Each sponsor no matter how big or small contributes to making the conference a success.

Vendor Space

Vendors will be located in the Grand Ballroom and Hallway outside the Grand Ballroom. Each space is approximately 100 sq. ft. Not all spaces will have a solid back wall so plan accordingly. Each vendor space will be provided with two tables and two chairs. Electricity will be available upon request (first come, first served) but you must bring your own extension cords. Vendors may purchase the Conference Notebook for \$20. Vendor space is limited so please sign up early.

For more information contact Tracey Gaul at 610-987-9505 or mtjallamas@dejazzd.com.

Vendor set up is Thursday 4:00-7:00 p.m. Vendors must be set up by 10:00 p.m. Thursday. Break down may begin after breakfast on Sunday unless special circumstances apply.

Separate Meals Package for Vendors

This year we are continuing to offer a separate complete Conference meals package for vendors. Cost is \$180 per person includes the following: Thursday Ice Breaker, Friday and Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday full buffet breakfast, all scheduled breaks and events scheduled during meals. Breakfast on Friday and Saturday is on your own. Check the Full Meals Only Package space under EXHIBITS on the registration form.

Individual Meal Tickets for Vendors

A limited number of individual meal tickets will be available for vendors not purchasing the Full Meals only Package. Inquire at the registration table when you check in for the Conference.

What to Bring

Please bring suitable attire for the outdoor sessions, remembering that the Conference is in early November. Any classes with hands-on animal demonstrations will be held outdoors, **rain or shine**. The hotel has an indoor pool and fitness center, so bring your swimsuit and fitness clothes if that's your thing!

Bring your Wreath Entries

Start planning now. Bring your entry with you to the Conference. **Guidelines:** Your wreath must have some camelid fiber in it. Interior circumference should be 12 inches. Wreaths will serve as table center pieces during the Conference and then auctioned-off at fund raiser.

Fundraising Donations

GALA prides itself on donating funds to Camelid medical research and government relations each year as a result of our fundraising which takes place during the Conference. A very small percent of the funds raised is retained for the GALA operating budget. Please consider giving in one of the following ways:

- **Donate items for the Live Auction, Silent Auction, and Raffle Auction.**
- **Donate money directly to GALA.**
- **Set aside money to spend** at the Conference in the various fundraisers, including the 50/50 Raffle and those listed above.
- **Offer your time to help.** We need volunteers to act as Speaker Hosts and to help set-up on Thursday and break down on Sunday.

Why not consider teaming up with a few friends to donate a larger item to the live auction such as; a digital scale, clippers, spinning wheel, weaving loom, carder, art work, computer software, llama chute, catch panels, medical

supplies, birthing kit, microscope, centrifuge, pack saddle, blower, camera for trailer or barn, automatic waterer, etc. These are just a few suggestions. Think about it!

To help us keep track of donations being made, please complete the Conference Fundraising section on the registration form.

If you are unable to bring your item to the conference, send it to: Cynthia Barkman by November 5th, 159A East Valley Brook Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853, phone 908-876-4919.

Animal Tent

We encourage you to bring your animals for hands-on workshops as well as for public exhibition. It is understood that animals brought to the conference may be used for demonstration in workshops. Llamas and Alpacas will be housed during the day under a tent located in the upper parking lot. You will need to bring your own feed, hay, straw, and **panels**. No more than 2 adults; 3 yearlings; or 3 alpacas may be placed in each stall during the day. Aisle space is not to be used for display purposes. You will be responsible for cleaning up after your animals during and after the conference. Electricity will not be available, but water will be nearby. There is **no** security and all animals will need to be stalled in their trailer at night. Animals must be checked in by 10 pm on Thursday, November 8. Space is limited to one stall per farm and is on a first come basis. Private sales will be permitted. All animals **must** be accompanied by a health certificate. (See Pennsylvania health regulations below) If you intend to bring animals you must have your information in prior to October 15, 2012.

If you have questions or for further details please call Kelly Ralph at 631-924-1602 or contact by email at lazylamaranch@optonline.net.

Please be aware of Pennsylvania's Camelid Health Regulations below.

SUMMARY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH REGULATIONS AFFECTING CAMELIDS:

INTRASTATE TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS: None.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS (camelids coming into Pennsylvania from other states):

- 1. Individual identification is required (ID must be microchip, tattoo or ear tag).** No registration numbers as ID. If babies, must attach a photo (front and side view) to Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
- 2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** issued within 30 days prior to entry is required.
- 3. Brucellosis test within 60 days prior to entry** if sexually intact and 12 mos. of age or older.
- 4. Tuberculosis test negative no more than 90 days prior to entry** for camelids 12 mos. of age and older.
- 5. Statement: Vesicular Stomatitis (VS):** (applies to importation from New Mexico and Colorado only).

The Gayle Garrison Fiber Room

Run by some of the LAFF girls and “The Second Cuts” (Pat McKinney, Carol Reigh and Sue Shoop). Learn to grade, card, spin, knit, weave, crochet, wet felt and needle felt. Plus lots of “Make & Take” projects. Bring your own yarn for personalized make and take projects, from yarn painting, felting, to weaving and many more! **Also:** Lars will be helping to make your personal lead rope on Sunday morning. **Donations of llama yarn are needed in the fiber room, donations of 10 good size skeins of various colors are needed.** If you can help please contact Carol Reigh at 610-582-9051 or Carol@buckhollowllamas.com

Fiber Evaluation

Send in 3 oz. of raw, clean camelid fiber (do not wash) and get back a 2 oz. handspun skein of yarn from your fiber and a written evaluation from our talented hand spinners. **Please fill out the Fiber Evaluation Application on page 15, making your check payable to GALA Conference 2012 and mail to the address on the form. For more information call Sherry Lynch at 814-445-1930.**

Samples must be postmarked by September 15, 2012

Conference Notebook Advertising

The GALA Conference Notebook is a valuable resource and, therefore, a good advertising investment for your farm or business. Even if you cannot attend the Conference, it's a great way to get your name out there. Please consider placing an ad; it will benefit both you and GALA. If you've never advertised before, Anita Collins and Bev Vienckowski will walk you through it. Bev will even design a simple advertisement for you – no charge. Please fill out the enclosed Conference Notebook Advertising Application making your check payable to GALA Conference 2012 and mail to the address on the form. You may also snail mail your check and application and submit your ad via email.

Advertising deadline is September 15, 2012

Photo Contest

Don't forget to enter the Photo Contest! It's easy...

- Photographer must be a GALA member and an amateur
- Each Photographer may submit two entries per category
- Each entry must contain a camelid or some identifiable portion of a Camelid
- \$7.00 per photo, check payable to GALA Conference 2012
- Categories: Children's, Portrait, Full Body, At Work, Interacting with People, Comedy, General, Crias, Black & White, and Altered Images.

For more information about size, matting, entry fees, and display see the August, 2012 issue of the GALA newsletter.

Send envelopes marked: “Photo Handle w/Care” to: GALA Photo Contest, c/o Robert Patterson, Turtle Hill Farm, 208 Grassy Hill Road, East Lyme, CT 06333.

Photo contest deadline is October 30, 2012

Ice Breaker

The Ice Breaker on Thursday evening serves as an informal and fun way to meet and greet people at the Conference. For newcomers to the Conference, it's a great way to meet others and break out of your shell (if you have one). For “oldcomers” it serves as a way to welcome people into the GALA community and to make new llama friends. Carol Reigh will be surprising us with something fun to do! A lite fare and cash bar will be provided.

Conference Schedule 2012

Thursday

- 1:00 pm Check in for vendors, animals and farm displays in hotel lobby
- 4:00-7:00 pm Registration in the lobby**
continued vendor, animal, and farm display set up
- 5:00-7:00 pm GALA Board of Directors Meeting
- 5:00-9:00 pm. Dinner on your own
- 7:00 pm -? Ice Breaker** with cash bar and appetizers (not to substitute dinner)

Friday

- 6:30 am Coffee pot on for Early Risers
- 6:30 am Breakfast on your own – hotel restaurant opens at 6:30 am
- 7:00-8:00 am Conference Registration** in hotel lobby
- 8:00-9:15 am Welcome and Keynote Address**
Linda Cortright: Fiber – Everyday we wear clothing that comes from around the world, including cotton from Africa, wool from Australia, and linen from Eastern Europe. But the growing influx of Chinese manufactured goods is erasing not only the identity of many indigenous communities, but the wealth of their land as well. Linda Cortright, editor and publisher of “Wild Fibers” will take a 60-minute trip around the world in pursuit of preserving slow fibers.

SESSION

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9:30–10:45

1. Raising Bees on the llama farm

Anita Collins

In this VERY short course on beekeeping, Anita will introduce you to the bees and the equipment you need, sources of information and equipment, and how to start. There will be suggestions on deciding where to put your bees, monitoring the colony for disease, how to feed and water as needed and a bit on general behavior.

2. Introduction to Camelidynamics

Marty McGee Bennett

Learn why Camelidynamics is still around after all these years! Learn what it is, how it will transform the relationship you have with your animals. Get an idea of the power of physics balance and how to use contact, how to preempt movement and what the ratchet signal is and how it can make teaching a llama to lead a breeze.

3. Care of the Cria

Dr. Patrick Long

A systematic approach to examination and care of the cria will be discussed. Focus will be on the first 24 hours of life and will include management practices that will help ensure that the cria will get a good start.

4. Pasture Management

Dan Ludwig

This talk will cover pasture management to include fertility, renovation and forage species selection, along with pasture sizing and overall grazing management to promote optimum forage growth.

5. Probiotics

Keith Bryan

Yogurt has long been a staple in many human diets and features one of the unique aspects of 'good' bacteria – food preservation. Another more classic benefit of non-pathogenic microbes is the ability to maintain a mutually beneficial symbiotic relationship with the host organism: cattle, equine, human or llama! Our current knowledge is expanding rapidly as we uncover the homeostatic and immunological properties of orally administered beneficial microbes.

6. Fly tying with llama fiber (Make & Take)

Henry Ramsay

FABULOUS FIBER!

7. Microwave Rainbow Fiber Dyeing with Annie

Annie Higginbotham

Proficiency Level: All Painting yarns and fibers can provide you with exactly the colorways you want. You'll have fun learning how to do so with a minimum of fuss and mess with a microwave oven, SAFELY and effectively. No chemistry degree required for this class!

FABULOUS FIBER!

10:45–11:00 Break

SESSION
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11:00–12:15

1. Emergency Critical Care

Dr. Julie Dechant

Common camelid emergency problems will be discussed, along with advice on what to do and what not to do, and when to call the vet. Suggestions for how to prevent or avoid these emergency situations will also be reviewed.

2. What Once was Old is New Again

Barb Parsons

Foundation males and females that have contributed to the success of the llama industry.

3. How to run your farm as a business

Bob Rice, CPA

Learn the steps necessary to make your farm a business and the tax advantages of doing so.

4. Nutrition

Dr. Robert Van Saun

This presentation will focus on the nutritional management of the developing and growing cria. Feeding practices in support of the pregnant female through cria growth will be addressed.

5. Facilities

Marty McGee Bennett

Your set up is your most important and efficient training tool – Your set up is perhaps the most important aspect of a successful life with llamas. Learn how inexpensive and easy it can be to: get regular weights, trim toenails, halter, lead train and conduct routine herd management all in the same facility and without a restraint chute.

6. Rug Roving Coaster (Make & Take)

Lydia Piper

Learn all about rug roving (core spun rug yarn) and how to use it. If you can make a coaster, you can make a seat cover and/or rug!

FABULOUS FIBER!

7. You are not done until you're Finished

Barbara Johansen

The talk will explain and show what to do and what NOT TO DO to make your garment or blanket or rug unto a REAL piece of cloth rather than a loose collection of fibers. You need to have courage, knowledge and experience to make the best handmade item into a very fine quality finished piece. We will have items to show, and explain many details of the finishing process. .

FABULOUS FIBER!

12:30-2:00 Lunch & Speaker

Tom Hudgin and Greg Hall, I can't believe my Alpaca and Llama did that – The secret life of alpacas and llamas. Discover the things you never knew about these furry friends, and the people who trust them. Do you have humorous pictures of your alpacas and llamas? We'll consider adding them to our presentation! Email your photos to tomhudgin@earthlink.net or greg.llamaguy@gmail.com.

SESSION
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2:15–3:30

1. Farm Insurance

Phil Baker

Topics will include: RISK and LIABILITY or Should I even get out of the bed in the morning. What is risk? Can you be risk free? How can you minimize risk? Umbrella and excess liability policies. Questions and Answers.

2. Common Field Problems

Dr. Patrick Long

Several conditions of camelids frequently seem by practitioners in field situations will be discussed. Potential treatments and diagnostic plans will be described.

3. Coat Color Phenotype & Inheritance

Debby Ullrich

This is an easy to understand course on llama color phenotype, genetics and inheritance. You will learn how color modifying dilution, pattern and marking genes express themselves. Topics such as the complexities of pattern genetics like appaloosa, the genetics that result in white and gray llamas, and color and pattern inheritance will be discussed. Bring your clear photos of unusual and hard to identify colors. Photo printed on "overhead" transparencies are encouraged, as some may be used for class discussion.

4. The 25 most frequently asked questions after your llamas arrive

Marc and Sandy Page

This talk will address common concerns and frequent mistakes in all aspects of llama husbandry.

5. Fireside Chat

Dr. Robert VanSaun

Come and ask Dr. VanSaun all your questions.

6. Learn to Needle Felt (Make & Take)

Pat Fishel

Learn the basics of needle felting by making a Christmas ornament.

FABULOUS FIBER!

7. Learn to Crochet and/or Knit

Two of the finest, are here to teach you to knit or crochet and/or aid in your own project. Bring your own needles and yarn.

FABULOUS FIBER!

3:30-3:45 Break

SESSION

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3:45-5:00

1. Raising Respectful Babies

Marty McGee Bennett

Covers what owners need to understand about camelid behavior and culture to raise polite but confident llamas. Will also include suggested training plans and techniques for when, how and how much to work with youngsters. How do you recognize when you might have a problem and how to deal with it.

2. Camelid Marketing Strategies that work

Tom Hudgin

There are three keys to success in marketing camelids to the public - developing loyal customer relationships, educating the public about the joy of owning and raising camelids, and creating a powerful business plan that works. This entertaining presentation will show you effective techniques to enhance your sales and become a more successful camelid enterprise. Topics covered include powerful ways to educate the public, how to gain repeat business, doing public relations events that work, coloring outside

of the box marketing tricks, how to create the right image, reacting to competition, and developing the key elements of a powerful business plan that works.

3. Camelid Surgery

Dr. Julie Dechant

Surgical problems and surgical developments in camelids will be reviewed. The recovery, success rates and complications of these surgeries will be presented and discussed.

4. Fireside Chat

Joyce Hall

Adopt a Llama Program

5. Genetics that Stand the Test of Time

Barb Parsons

Sires and Dams behind Past and Present Show Winners. Barb is requesting some East Coast winning llama photos to incorporate into her presentation. Please send your photos of your winning llamas along with llama's name, ILR number and farm name to Barb Parsons at theparsons@prodigy.net. Barb will incorporate as many as she can in her presentation.

6. Spinning Designer Yarn Like Magic with Annie!

FABULOUS FIBER!

Annie Higginbotham

Proficiency Level: All with working knowledge of a spindle or wheel. Love multicolored, textured, art yarns and want to make them on your own? This is the class for you! We will be visiting fun, innovative, yet simple techniques to inspire you to make yarn that is uniquely yours, just like magic. Bring your own wheel if you have one (we will have some wheels available for use) Limit 13

7. Tips on Maximizing your Fiber for Use

FABULOUS FIBER!

Kathryn Gwyn

Understanding the end use of your fiber will determine how you shear and prep the fleece. Come learn some tips about getting your llama fiber ready for the mill, wheel or Coop.

5:10-? GALA Annual Meeting

Fiber Room Closed during Meeting

7:00-7:30 Social Hour

Shopping, Cash Bar

7:00-7:30 Registration

For Friday Dinner and Keynote Speaker

7:30

Dinner and Keynote Speaker

Cindy Ross: The Continental Divide Trail with Llamas and Kids "and Beyond" - It all started with the Continental Divide Trail. Cindy Ross will discuss how her family's travels (2 adults and 2 toddlers at the time) across the Continental Divide Trail and how this trip instilled a love the natural world in them. She will discuss their world schooling. Cindy will also talk about her children's misconnection with nature and all of the problems that it is causing (nature - deficit disorder) and how all of this is related to her children's experience riding llamas across the Rockies and its impact on their lives for the better.

Saturday

- 6:30 Coffee pot on for early Riser
- 6:30 Breakfast on your own – hotel restaurant opens at 6:30 am
- 7:00-8:00 Conference Registration** in hotel lobby
- 8:00-9:15 Keynote Address —**
Barb Parsons: Dr. Doolittle Who?
A journey 'back to the future'. The Herdsires that shaped our industry.

SESSION
1

9:30–10:45

1. Fiber Antics

Linda Cortright

Enjoy hearing more of Linda's travels around the world.

2. Solving Haltering Problems Quickly

Marty McGee Bennett

Learn how incredibly important halter fit is to the creation of a successful trusting relationship with your llama. Proper haltering affects every other task you do with your llama. Teach halter acceptance, learn how the TTouch and systematic desensitization can reduce and eliminate haltering problems.

3. Camelid Surgery

Dr. Julie Dechant

Surgical problems and surgical developments in camelids will be reviewed. The recovery, success rates and complications of these surgeries will be presented and discussed.

4. So you want to buy a llama

Carol Reigh

This session will provide you with a self-inventory before purchasing llamas plus some tips on what to avoid and what to look for in a breeder and animal.

5. Packing / The how to's of Packing

Timothy Parkman

Since 2003, Twin Creeks Llamas have offered weekend hikes in the State and National Parks in the Shenandoah Valley. They now own a pack string of 8 geldings. They have hosted school and church groups, scout troops, handicapped individuals, and participated in farm tours.

6. Wet Felted Flowers (Make & Take)

Candace Campbell

You will create a wet felted flower to accessorize a hat, sweater, purse or coat. Please bring 3-4 terrycloth towels and a plastic bag to take them home. Class size limited to 10 with a \$14 materials fee payable to instructor.

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7. Tunisian and Mosaic Crocheting

Barb Baker

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10:45–11:00 Break

SESSION
2

11:00–12:15

1. Guard Llamas – an alternative for predator management

Marc Page

Learn how llamas can provide an effective long-term, economical alternative for predator control in a variety of farm and ranch conditions. Included is how to select the proper llama and how to introduce the llama(s) to the flock.

2. Parasites

Dr. Patrick Long

This session will cover common internal and blood parasites of llamas and alpacas. Diagnosis and treatment of commonly seen parasites will be discussed.

3. Conformation 1: Classroom

Debby Ullrich

Every wanted to have a one to one chat with a judge? Want to know what they look for when judging and what you should be looking for when purchasing a llama? Debby Ullrich will be holding an exhibitor's meeting to discuss all of your questions and concerns.

4. Making a Bracelet (Make & Take)

Jillian Kowalewski

Learn this special braid to make a bracelet with llama yarn (if you have your own yarn, bring it)

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5. How to's of Sending Fiber to a Mill

Lydia Piper

Learn what fiber can be sent to the mill, how to get it ready, how to box it and the best way to ship it. Then what happens to the fiber once it gets here.

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12:30-2:00 Lunch & Speaker

Marty McGee Bennett: Thirty Years of Camelids and Million Miles – *"I have traveled all over the world for 30 years. I have been on the Today Show with Bryant Gumble (you remember him) ridden camels in the outback theoretically to find my spiritual center (I don't know which was worse two days without talking or two days in a camel saddle) taught llama handling to the campesinos in South America (what was I thinking??? – talk about coals to Newcastle), taught handling to a blind woman, a paraplegic, almost drowned in Tasmania, was almost bitten by a poisonous snake in Australia and stranded in New Zealand... And I am just getting started!"*

2:00-4:30 Public Afternoon

For Llama Tent & Shopping

1. The ABC's of Camelid 4-H

Barb Parsons

Learn the basics of getting started within your county and getting the 4-H project off the ground.

2. Conformation 2: Hands on in tent

Debby Ullrich

Every wanted to have a one to one chat with a judge? Want to know what they look for when judging and what you should be looking for when purchasing a llama? Debby Ullrich will be holding an exhibitor's meeting to discuss all of your questions and concerns.

3. How to Organize a Show

Paige McGrath

Have you ever thought you might want to put on a llama/alpaca show? Learn the ins and outs of putting on a successful show.

4. Camelid Research and Current Events

Dr. Julie DeChant

Recent and new research developments (from UC Davis and elsewhere) involving camelid health and medical care will be summarized that relays the important "need to know" information in a format that is easy to understand.

5. Fireside Chat

Dr. Patrick Long

Come and ask questions about the work done at the Morris Animal Foundation.

6. Inkle Loom (Make & Take)

FABULOUS FIBER!

Jillian Kowalewski

Learn to weave on an Inkle Loom. Make a key holder with your yarn or ours.

7. The Basics of Carding

FABULOUS FIBER!

Kathy Cooley

Learn the very basics of drum carding your fiber to prepare it for spinning or needle felting.

3:15–3:30

Break

1. Applied Behavior Analysis

Marty McGee Bennett

Learn about the science behind behavior and how to use training and handling methods that support the most positive least intrusive scientific approach. Learn the difference between desensitization and the flooding; how to use positive reinforcement. This talk will also include a short presentation about clicker training and TAGteaching.

2. Fireside Chat

Chris Stull

Re-homing Update

3. Indiana Bones Perinatal Birthing Presentation

Hilary Ware

Those who are new to lama birthing, or just want to learn more about it, can come see Hilary and "Indiana Bones", a full-sized teaching and birthing llama model, give helpful facts about pregnancy and a demonstration about what to expect during normal labor and delivery.

4. Camelid Boarding

Katrina Capasso and Todd Smith

Consider boarding llamas/alpacas as a part of your farm services. We will discuss the pros and cons of boarding (and also leasing llamas), as well as the barn rules that should be put in place beforehand.

5. Yarn Painting (Make & Take)

FABULOUS FIBER!

Jillian Kowalewski

Decorate a picture frame using yarn and wax. This ancient South American technique will change your life!

6. Is This Fiber Worth Saving?

FABULOUS FIBER!

Barbara Johansen

The talk will be appropriate for anyone, especially those who are NOT fiber people. It will teach anyone and everyone the words and skills to evaluate the fiber on and off the camelid. Everyone will understand, see and feel the characteristics of a fine fleece and a discard fleece.

Professional Panel

A group of the professionals from the conference will answer your pre-submitted questions. This is your chance to get all those questions answered that you forgot to ask or wanted to ask but did not get the chance. Be sure to write out your questions in advance and hand them in at the registration table.

6:30-7:00 Social Hour

Shopping, Cash Bar

7:00

Banquet

With Fund Raising to Follow

Sunday

8:15-9:30 am **Keynote Address —**
Barb Parsons: *The E-Line of Notable Dams*
Living Art is more than a vision of the future. It is an appreciation of the heritage of classic dam lines in our Llama's pedigrees.

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9:45–11:00

1. Trailer Maintenance

Frank Shoop

Information on maintaining your trailer and keeping it safe for travel, what to check and even some tips on how to back up without hitting anything.

2. Making Money with your PR Llamas

Deb Elias

Find out how to make some extra income and have fun doing it. Deb Elias will explain exactly how she started her business that she started in 1992 and is still going strong. She will get you thinking about starting up your own PR business. Learn where to go, how to design an appropriate program and exactly what takes to have a PR Llama.

3. Loving Cuts – Grooming / Shearing

Tabbitha Haubold-Magee

Learn from a professional shearer how to compliment your animal's "figure" with the hair cut. See the different cuts and most common styles. Also learn to care for your own equipment.

4. Fireside Chat

Anita Collins

How to Run a Conference

5. Green Panel Chat

Carol Reigh and Marc Page

Here is your chance to ask questions of two long time owner/breeders. Experience hands on answers to your questions.

6. Lead Rope Making (Make & Take)

Lars Garrison

Everyone that wants to give it a try should bring about a half pound of yarn, the heavier the better. It can be your llama yarn but other yarn will work.

FABULOUS
FIBER!

7. The Basics of Learning to Spin

Pat McKinney

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11:30 Full Buffet Breakfast

SPEAKER BIOS

KEITH BRYAN

Dr. Keith A. Bryan spent 20 years at Penn State University in the Department of Dairy and Animal Science where he taught undergraduate courses in livestock and horse evaluation, selection, nutrition, management, and growth physiology. Dr. Bryan is currently Director of Technical Services at Kauffman's Animal Health, Inc., Lebanon, PA, where he oversees quality assurance, ingredient evaluation and formulation of vitamin, mineral and protein premixes, as well as a variety of nutritional supplements for cattle, horses, meat animal species, and llamas and alpacas. The core nutritional products feature yeast, beneficial bacteria (probiotics), food for the bacteria (probiotics) and digestive enzymes.

DR. ANITA COLLINS

Dr. Anita Collins co-chaired both the 2007 and 2010 GALA Conferences with Carol Reigh. She had previous experience organizing national and international conferences in her field of science. She's a recent llama lover, owning three females and one gelding, primarily for fiber and friendship for the past seven years. "Camelid people are very special and fun to be with, so I look forward to the 2012 conference and this workshop."

CANDACE CAMPBELL

Candace is from Reading, PA has been an award winning fiber artist for more than 25 years. She exhibits her talents in spinning, weaving, felting, knitting, beading, painting, polymer clay, home accessory sewing, clothing construction, and is presently operating her own Professional Long Arm Machine Quilting Business, The Perfect Stitch. Candace is juried in Hand Spinning and Weaving from the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen and is a past president of the Heritage Weavers and Spinning Guild and the Berks Quilters Guild. She has been teaching various forms of fiber arts for the past 20+ years. Her greatest enjoyment of teaching comes when her students are inspired by the fiber art at hand and they go on to use the technique learned to create their own works of art.

KATRINA CAPASSO

We established Dakota Ridge Farm in 1990 when we obtained our first llama, Dakota, as a wedding present from Gary to Katrina. Since then, many more of these regal, magical and mystical creatures have arrived. From our herd of over 30 llamas and having up to as many as 30 boarders at one time, it has been a wonderful 22 years with llamas! We are also offering leasing to new folks interested in learning about llamas before jumping into purchasing. Dakota Ridge Farm offers farm tours, llama hikes, and educational visits. Katrina established the 4-H Club "The Woolly Llama Whisperers" and brought llamas into the Saratoga County Fair for the first time in the early 1990's. Katrina is a former GALA Board member and worked for an accounting firm for 16 years. She's now working on the farm full time.

LINDA CORTRIGHT

Linda Cortright is the editor and publisher of *Wild Fibers* magazine, the only publication dedicated to preserving both the animals and art of the natural fiber industry including traveling with nomads and their camels in the Gobi Desert to working with veiled weavers in Oman.

In 2009, Cortright was a member of the Steering Committee for the International Year of Natural Fibres – a global initiative sponsored by FAO, a division of the United Nations headquartered in Rome, Italy. She currently works with the IWTO (International Wool Textile Organization) new global program Discover Natural Fibres Initiative and the Campaign for Wool spearheaded by HRH Prince Charles.

Cortright started *Wild Fibers* in 2004 after spending several years as marketing director for The Island Institute; a non-profit organization that helps to sustain Maine's islands and remote coastal areas. That experience led Cortright to understand the importance of preserving both agricultural and artisan traditions. Within the world of natural fibers, emphasis is often placed on the type of textile or garment with little thought given to the animals, their impact on the environment, and the people whose livelihoods depend upon them.

Prior to launching *Wild Fibers*, Cortright worked in public relations at CBS television, nuclear training for Philadelphia Electric Company, and eventually wrote and produced a documentary on Chernobyl for the United Nations in Vienna, Austria. She has also worked as a dog groomer in New York City, a sales associate for Tiffany & Co., and a marketing consultant for Peace Corps after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

In addition to publishing *Wild Fibers* and traveling nearly 100,000 miles annually, Cortright enjoys giving lectures about her travel experiences. She feels deeply privileged to have firsthand experience of the "wild" world of fibers and hopes that more people will begin to understand their importance in the future of farming and fashion.

Since 1995, Cortright has made her home near the coast of Maine where she raises a now aging herd of cashmere goats, a pair of Silkie chickens, and two poorly trained Afghan Hounds.

KATHY COOLEY

Kathy Cooley received a B.S. in Zoology from the University of Maryland in 1977 but didn't put it to the test until the year 2000 when llamas Baxter and Rapsallion arrived at Breezy Meadows Farm in Manheim, PA. Over the years they have been joined by Sasha, Sable and Lone Ranger. Learning to work with the llama wool was a natural outgrowth of the ever growing stash of sheared fiber. Under the tutelage of the LAFF ladies, Kathy learned to shear, wash, card and spin camelid fiber and eventually ventured into a basic weaving class at the Mannings. In addition to five llamas, Kathy shares the farm with two house cats and one ever tolerant husband Nevin.

DR. JULIE DECHANT

Dr. Julie Dechant, DVM, MS, DACVS graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada in 1996. After completing a private practice internship in her home province of Alberta, she moved to Fort Collins, Colorado to complete a Combined Masters and Clinical Residency in Large Animal Surgery at Colorado State University from 1997 to 2000.

After her residency, Dr. Dechant joined the Large Animal Surgery faculty at the University of Saskatchewan for a 1-year position as a Clinical Associate. From 2001 to 2004, she was a Visiting Assistant Professor and an Equine Emergency Clinician at Oklahoma State University. In 2004, Dr. Dechant was offered an emergency surgery position at University of California-Davis, and is currently an Associate Professor in Clinical Surgical Emergency and Critical Care. She is a board-certified specialist (Diplomate ACVS) in Large Animal Surgery, and she is completing fellowship training in American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. Dr. Dechant is the faculty advisor to the UC-Davis Camelid Medicine Club, supervises the care and use of the Camelid Teaching Herd, and is actively involved in camelid research and health issues.

DEB ELIAS

Deb Elias acquired her first two llamas in 1988 while living in East Haddam, CT. She soon realized that her llamas adapted very well to public contact and started her llama education business in 1992. She developed the program called "Hooked On Llamas" and starting contacting Preschools, daycare centers, convalescent homes and libraries with the idea that she could educate and entertain the public and get paid for it. She has a client base of around 300 and the business has grown to visiting over 100 places each year.

Besides promoting her business, Deb enjoys llama shows, spinning fiber and taking walks with her llamas. She presently owns four llamas and one alpaca. All five of them are "employed" and promote "Hooked on Llamas" everywhere they go. Deb has been on the GALA Board of Directors since 2006. She served as GALA President for three years, 2009-2011. She resides in West Cornwall, CT with her husband, Pat and ten year old son, Derek.

PAT FISHEL

Pat and her late husband, By, have had llamas for well over 16 years. Pat remembers her first GALA conference was in Rome, NY. Pat is a member of the well known and loved LAFF group. She is a fiber artist in her own right with expertise in knitting, needle felting, and wet felting. Pat lives in Red Lion, PA on Indian Springs Farm with her herd of 8 llamas whom she dearly loves!

KATHRYN GWYN

Kathy lives with her husband, Ed, in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley in Virginia on the family farm. They have a suri herd of 25 and their goal with their llamas is to produce great fiber. Realizing that llama owners need to think big and band together as an industry, becoming an active member of the Pacific Northwest Llama Fiber Coop was a natural progression. She has spent much time educating herself to fiber and fiber quality. She traveled up from Virginia to participate in the First PNLFC sorting day in Pennsylvania and as a result of that, wants to share what we all learned about making our fiber more desirable for production and tricks for doing so.

JOYCE HALL

Jim and I have a 27 acre farm in Toms Brook, Va. in the northern Shenandoah Valley of Va. We've raised llamas since 1995 and currently have 33 llamas on the farm now. 20 girls and 13 boys. Plus

4 leister longwool sheep and 3 kakakul sheep. Started out breeding and showing, but have since gone into agritourism and boarding llamas brought from here. We also have a wonderful program, On Our Farm Adoption. Right now we have 6 llamas adopted and 1 leister longwool sheep. My topic of discussion is on how our on farm adoption works for us and our adoptee parents. It's a great way to get people interested in llamas and what wonderful animals to share your life with and have the fun of being involved on a farm without the daily chores. Our adoptee parents range in age from 11 yrs. old to 96 yrs. old and become our extended farm family. We have found that the llamas benefit from the attention and so do the people doing the adopting! A wonderful and very interesting group of people have come into our lives and the llamas.

TABBETHIA HAUBOLD-MAGEE

Tabbethia Haubold-Magee, of Long Island Livestock Company resides in LI, NY on a 17-acre farm that is home to a herd of about 20 llamas and other various fibered livestock. With a BS in Animal Science and an original love affair with horses, Tabbethia began raising llamas in 1997 and then started showing in 2001 on the local, regional and national level, in both halter and performance. She was the ALSA Grand National Champion in Showmanship for 2007, 2008 & 2009. In 2010 she was awarded the ALSA Grand National Reserve Champion in Master performance and bred and trained her llama that was awarded the first ever ALSA Grand National Male Versatility Champion.

As an educator by nature and profession, Tabbethia also heads up the LI Livestock Company Youth Show Team which currently consists of 15 youth ranging in ages from 8 to 18. Tabbethia is passionate about showing and taking her years of experience and sharing it with others.

When she is not busy working with the kids or the llamas, Tabbethia has an extensive shearing business with over 175 clients that has her traveling from VT to GA and everything in between. Outside of shearing season, Tabbethia utilizes her animals and knowledge to provide educational programs for youth and adults in various venues and is also retailing fiber, yarns and value-added products.

TOM HUDGIN

Tom and his wife, Barbara Johansen, are lifetime members of GALA and have been active in raising llamas for more than 12 years. He has been President of the Southern States Llama Association and is currently their Vice President. Besides playing an active role in promoting GALA and SSLA's goodwill throughout the llama community through education and public relations events, he has worked with the Southeast Llama Rescue efforts in the adoption process, has volunteered to help at numerous llama shows and events and was instrumental in obtaining state approval to allow llamas in all North Carolina State Park facilities.

On the personal side, Tom retired as a senior executive from the pharmaceutical industry in 1991 and is currently President of Wilmington Quality Associates. He is in demand as a keynote speaker on competitive leadership and marketing skills that make a difference at national conventions and conferences throughout the U.S. In addition, Tom is a retired Commander in the U.S. Navy, a pilot, a blue water sailor having sailed a 38 foot ketch across the Atlantic

to Europe a few years ago, and an author. In the past four years, Tom has written three nationally published crime thrillers entitled Incident at Cat Island, The Andros Connection and Appointment At Crooked Island (to be released this summer). The books are available at Barnes and Noble stores and Amazon.com

Tom and Barbara currently live on a farm along the coast of North Carolina just outside of Wilmington where they not only raise llamas, but also sheep, chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and five dogs.

BARBARA JOHANSEN

Barbara has been dabbling in all sorts of fiber since 1991 when her husband said "Let's get a llama" and she decided to try spinning and weaving. After all these years she has raised her own animals and tried out everything that came her way. Now it's time to share the results!

JILLIAN KOWALEWSKI

Jillian Kowalewski, originally from York, PA, is a graduate of Seton Hill University, majoring in art education. She is a self taught fiber artist, and currently incorporates fiber instruction into the art curriculum at Dallastown High School, where she teaches Creating with Fibers, Drawing and Painting, Art Major 3 and Portfolio Development. Jillian will be sharing her fiber talents with GALA in the fiber room to provide instruction into the use of spun llama fiber to create unique, useable items. She will also be bringing some items for display, showing additional uses for fiber.

PATRICK LONG, DVM

Patrick Long, DVM resides in Corvallis, OR. Llamas and alpacas have comprised more than half of his vet practice. In 2008, he was honored with the "Dr. Donald E. Bailey Small Ruminant Practitioner of the Year" award presented annually by the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners. The award recognizes a member that has set a high standard as a small ruminant practitioner and demonstrated exemplary service in organized veterinary medicine, particularly small ruminant medicine. He is the co-author of Llama and Alpaca Neonatal care and has written many articles for Alpacas Magazine. Currently he serves on the Board of Directors of the Alpaca Research Foundation and is a trustee on the Morris Animal Foundation Board. Dr Longs areas of interest are herd health management, nutrition and reproduction.

DAN LUDWIG

Dan Ludwig serves as a Natural Resources Specialist in Southeastern Pennsylvania with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Dan's role as a regional Grazing Specialist with NRCS is to work with livestock producers who wish to better utilize their pastures through grazing management. He provides assistance with designing and implementing rotational grazing systems for all species and classes of livestock. Additionally, Dan serves as the Feed Management Specialist for NRCS in Pennsylvania which includes working with certified nutritionists to write feed management plans that look at reducing nutrients in livestock rations to benefit nutrient management and water quality concerns. Prior to joining NRCS, Dan served as a Livestock Extension Educator with Maryland

Cooperative Extension in Montgomery County, MD focused on grazing management. Dan has given numerous presentations on grazing and feed management at the local, state and national levels. Dan earned a B.S. in Dairy and Animal Science from Penn State University. He has a background in livestock as he grew up on a small farm in Gettysburg, PA where he and his family raised beef cattle, hogs, sheep, and laying hens.

MARTY MCGEE BENNETT

Marty McGee Bennett's first llama jumped off the back of a pickup truck and into her heart in 1981. Since then, Marty has devoted her professional life to the well being of llamas and alpacas and the education of camelid enthusiasts. Marty brings a variety of experience and qualifications to her work with camelids, including a B.S. degree in Animal Behavior. Marty's combination of TTEAM (the work developed by Linda Tellington-Jones) and her knowledge of the principles of animal behavior make her approach both scientifically sound and compassionate. Marty's use of the principals of balance and leverage and a second sense with both animals and people make "Camelidynamics" the world's most popular, and enduring training/handling system for camelids. Her clinics, books and videos have helped thousands of camelid owners more fully understand, appreciate and enjoy this magical animal. Marty's book "The Camelid Companion" published in 2001 has received rave reviews in publications worldwide. Conducting hundreds of clinics in North America and around the world have kept Marty on the road for much of the past 30 years. Marty's work with camelids is popular with owners and veterinarians alike. She has taught the principles of animal handling to veterinarians and at veterinary schools around the world. It is true that Marty works magic with alpacas and llamas, taming even the wildest ones in just a few minutes but the real magic is that she can teach you to do it too!

Marty her husband Brad and their family of four-leggeds have a farm in Bend, Oregon that is the home of the Camelidynamics Training Center and the base of operations for the Camelidynamics Guild. For more information about the guild, Marty, clinics and equipment visit www.camelidynamics.com

PAT MCKINNEY

Pat's Garden Gate Llamas have been around for 15 years and Pat has been a spinner for 20+ years. She started spinning with sheep and goat fleece but has turned her total interest to llamas. Several years ago, Pat purchased her nationally known stud, Whisty Crème, and this jump started her fiber program to a new level. Pat is a talented fiber artist working with wet felting, nuno felting, needle felting, spinning and sewing. Pat also hits the show circuit with her animals so the rest of the world can experience this fleece.

MARC & SANDY PAGE

Marc and his wife Sandy live in Petersham, Massachusetts where they maintain a training herd of llamas at Sputtermill Ranch which was established in 1992. Since 2001 the major emphasis of Sputtermill Ranch has been the rescue and re-homing of llamas and alpacas in need. Sandy has been in education for over 37 years working as a special education teacher, counselor and currently a special education administrator. She graduated from the University

of Massachusetts with a degree in psychology and has master's degrees in special education and counseling. Marc has a degree in human services and works as a job developer for disabled adults in his non-llama life. Coming from educational backgrounds they are very committed to promoting llamas through public education, and consequently spend many hours volunteering their time to the llama community. A major emphasis of their educational programs is training, herd management, and care for the overall welfare and well being of the llama. Marc and Sandy have authored numerous articles on behavior and training of llamas, and have been vocal proponents of llama breeders providing new owners with education and hands on training. Marc and Sandy have presented at numerous GALA Conferences and at other state and regional organizational gatherings. Marc also presents 'Now What'™ group and private training clinics teaching performance and jackpot skills and has a traveling shearing business. Over the years they have presented many performance workshops for both youth and adults. With encouragement from John Mallon, they were instrumental in getting jackpots up and running on the east coast. Both Sandy and Marc judged the first ever show jackpot held at the New England Fair (The Big E). Sandy and Marc are Lifetime GALA Members as well as the former Camelid Fiber Superintendents at the New England States Fair. Marc is a regular speaker at the Big E on llama behavior and management. He regularly attends Camelid Community held in Kansas City, Missouri each August and is the Northeast Representative of the IRC (Intervention Rescue Council) which was established through Camelid Community. Marc served on the GALA Board from 1999-2004 as President, Vice-President, and Representative of District 5. Sandy was advertising editor for the GALA newsletter for seven years and was also the keeper of the GALA Store.

TIMOTHY PARKMAN

In 1998, after 24 years in the US Air Force, Tim and Donna Parkman retired to beautiful Browntown, Virginia in the Shenandoah Valley. They became interested in llamas after Donna planned a surprise trip to do a llama trek in the mountains of North Carolina for Tim's 50th birthday. They acquired their first llamas in 2001 and by 2003, Twin Creeks Llamas was in business, offering weekend hikes in the State and National Parks in the Shenandoah Valley. They now own a pack string of 8 geldings. Families have travelled from as far north as Canada and as far south as Florida for a Twin Creeks Llama hike and to enjoy the natural beauty that is the Daughter of the Stars (Shenandoah Valley). No matter where they are - a Christmas parade, a nature demo in the Shenandoah River State Park, or on a hike, the reaction is always the same - "Wow, I didn't expect to see llamas today and they're beautiful!" The Parkmans have hosted school and church groups, scout troops, handicapped individuals, and participated in farm tours. Selling llama products out of their "shameless commerce division" tack room has provided a lot of mementos to hikers. Now after ten years of hiking (no two hikes are the same), the love of animals, especially those with long hair, is still there. Tim and Donna have been members of GALA and LAMAS even before owning their first llamas. Both have served on the board of directors for the Llamas and Alpacas of the Mid-Atlantic States Association.

BARB PARSONS

Barb and her husband Tom reside in S.E. Wisconsin bordering the Kettle Moraine State Forest. They started raising llamas, at Animal Acres, in 1989 and now have approx. 40 females and 7 Herd sires. They also raise Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and show them when they can fit it into their busy schedule.

Barb started judging back in her 4-H days in Michigan where she grew up, while showing her Arabian horses. Active in the llama community, she established 2 llama/alpaca 4-H clubs in Waukesha and Jefferson counties in Wisconsin and has been superintendent of both clubs for over 14 years.

Barb has served on committees for ORGLE (the Wisconsin Organization of Lama Enthusiasts), the show committee, ethics and youth committee for ALSA and was an Active Board member forming the LFA (Llama Futurity Association for 5 years.) She has shared her knowledge at the Midwest Llama Conference for the past 5 years and recently provided a 'visual' genetic history for each of the llamas offered for sale at the 2011 LFA Auction.

Barb and Tom have raised several ALSA National Grand, Reserve, LFA and Celebrity Futurity Champions over the years.

Spending countless hours reviewing old llama magazines and sale catalogs, as well as, visiting several Midwest farms, Barb and Tom studied pedigrees and the traits passed on from both the sires and dams prior to jumping into a breeding program of their own.

Raising llamas has been a rewarding experience and the wonderful people we have met over the years keep us coming back for more.

LYDIA PIPER

Lydia learned to spin at her first job out of college (~25 years ago) where she worked with youth at risk on a sheep/market garden/sugar bush farm in Vermont. Her first fiber animal was an angora rabbit. She now has 40+ adult sheep, several angora rabbits and a yak in addition to a long list of non fiber animals like ducks, chickens, horses, turtles, cats, dog, guinea pig and birds and three kids. She and her husband John started Gurdy Run Woolen Mill in 2001. Since its start they have worked with all kinds of fibers and have produces literally tons of yarns and roving.

HENRY RAMSAY

My experience with fly tying began nearly forty years ago on a stream in central Pennsylvania when I first watched someone fishing with a fly rod and using flies they tied themselves. The image was magical and I knew immediately that more than anything else I wanted to be a fly tier. Several years later I received my first fly rod, and after all of these years it still feels like magic when a trout rises to a fly I made. Since then my fishing has taken me across my home state of Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Colorado, Montana and Idaho. After years of working as a custom fly tier I wrote my first book titled "Matching Major Eastern Hatches, New Patterns for Selective Trout" published by Headwater / Stackpole Books. My fly tying work has appeared in a number of magazines including the *Art of Angling Journal*, the *Game Journal* and the *Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide*. I also work part time as a guide, fly fishing and fly tying instructor at TCO Fly Shop in Reading, Pennsylvania and a photographer.

CAROL REIGH

Carol is the owner of Buck Hollow Llamas, Inc. She served on the PLAA BOD for 6 years with 2 years as President. She also sat on the GALA BOD for 6 years with 2 of them as VP and is currently back on the GALA Board. Along with Anita Collins, Carol co-chaired the 2007 and 2010 GALA conferences and is on the 2012 conference committee. She has taught a class on Camelid care through the Adult Education program at the local high school and is presently a 4-H leader of the Camelid Characters, along with 2 other women. This llama fanatic has written articles for *Small Farm Today*, *Camelid Quarterly*, and both PLAA and GALA newsletters. After breeding and raising llamas for 16 years, Carol has decided to become a judge. Carol is also active in getting the Eastern division of the Northwest Fiber Co-op off the ground. Focusing on nice dispositions in her animals and correct conformation is a primary goal of BHLF, Inc. Education is imperative to having a successful breeding program and owning llamas.

BOB RICE

Robert Rice, JR. JD, CPA, CVA, is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Valuation Analyst, Pennsylvania Insurance Agent and an Attorney. Bob received a Law Degree with honors from Temple University School of Law, a Masters of Business Administration Cum Laude from Lehigh University and a Bachelor of Science Magna Cum Laude from Albright College. Bob has 29 years of public accounting experience. He has experience with the special needs that farms present at tax time and enjoys getting people set up in their businesses.

FRANK SHOOP

Frank has worked in the trailer business for many years. Up until recently he owned Shoop Trailer Manufacturers, Inc. He is well known and respected in the horse world for building reliable, well made trailers. He knows how to maintain them to keep your trailer at peak performance.

TODD SMITH

We started Hickory Hill Llama Farm about 20 years ago when my parents bought their first "pet" llama pair. As many of you know, having llamas is like eating a bag of Lays potato chips, you can't just have a couple. From that point on, we have established our herd of near 30 llamas. Our herd includes all different types of wool types, from 100% Argentine, Peruvian, Bolivian, Suri, North American and Classics. Each one of our llamas have their own character and personality and it is so great to learn from them each and every day. We have learned so much over these past 20 years, so much from friends, fellow Camelid family members and classes taken near and far. These past few years, we have become immersed into the fiber aspect of them and utilizing them for what they are intended for. We have expanded, now providing shearing services at any location and also provide care support to any buyers or new (and seasoned) llama owners! And finally, last fall we purchased a used cart, in which we will start learning cart driving in 2012. I am also a past GALA Board member.

CHRIS STULL

Chris Stull was fascinated with animals and behavior from a very young age recalling when she was 5 years old her father brought home 2 wild rabbits with which to train the new hunting dogs. His very words were, "Do not touch the rabbits! They are wild and will bite!" Within 15 minutes she was carting the rabbits through the neighborhood for all the neighbor kids to enjoy. After the rabbits came mice, rats, guinea pigs, a pet crow, even an alligator who eventually grew to 4' in length before he was donated to a zoo. In 1999 she began to research keeping llamas with the goal of eventually carting. After visiting several farms and reading as much as she could, she came to the conclusion these animals were not suited to our climate and decided not to pursue it. A year later while looking for an old pony for her grandchildren at the infamous New Holland Sale Auction in PA she found 2 llamas tied among the huge draft mules. Frightened and stressed she decided to bring them home and hopefully find suitable placement for them. One of the llamas, a young male, was raised in a petting zoo, had no manners, and was borderline aggressive which led her into the unexpected journey of animal behavior which continues to this day. It was through these two llamas that she learned of Southeast Llama Rescue and volunteered as a state coordinator by fostering, doing site reviews of potential adopters, and working with less than manageable llamas. Associated with Southeast Llama Rescue since 2000 Chris is a present and past Board member, PA Coordinator, and volunteer.

Chris and her husband of 35 years live on a 30 acre farm in Lancaster County PA playing host to rescued llamas, donkeys, mules, horses, pigs, goats, and assorted fowl. When not involved with the farm Chris can be found schooling her dressage horse, spending time with her grandchildren, and working in the family run real estate business.

DEBBY ULLRICH

Debby Ullrich along with the llamas of the High Sierra Llama Ranch reside in the high sierra town of Portola, CA. A small ranching community just north of Lake Tahoe, CA and Reno, NV. Debby has been a member of the llama community since 1991.

In developing a marketing strategy, Debby recognized that part of an individual buyer's decision process includes a color preference. Be it purchasing a car, clothing, home, puppy or llama, color often is a deciding factor. 15 years ago despite constantly being told that one can not plan color, and that "llama color just happens, you can't breed for it", an exploration into llama color genetics began.

Besides her endeavor into llama color, Debby has been a part of the following events, committees and activities:

Former ILR and ALSA Llama Judge

- Worked with breeders as a Llama Herd Consultant in developing programs, managing herd health, genetics, and sales and marketing.
- 1995 to 2000 – Served on the Board of Directors for the Llama Association of North America (LANA) for five and a half years, ending in 2001. Acting as LANA's Research director for four and a half years and a term as President.
- 1996 after the cessation of a long term border close between the US and Canada, organized the first Veterinary CE and certification class for the Axillary TB Test for APHIS, which was needed at the time to import and export llamas between the US and Canada.

- Events coordinator, including 3 LANA Expo's and being part of the Reno Nevada, 2006 Virginia Christensen Classic team
- 1998 to 2010 – Member of the Llama Medical Research Group (LMRG).
- 1998 to 2005 member of the Camelid Community Standards of Care Working Group.
- 2007 – Became a ISLA and CSAA Licensed and Certified Livestock Appraiser specializing in camelids.
- 2007 to 2010 – Lectured Internationally on Llama Color Genotype, Phenotype and Inheritance.

DR. ROBERT VAN SAUN

Robert Van Saun received his DVM degree from Michigan State University in 1982. He practiced in northern New York in a predominately dairy practice prior to returning to Michigan State to complete a MS degree in nutrition (1988) and a residency in theriogenology (reproduction). Dr. Van Saun completed a PhD program in ruminant nutrition from Cornell University (1993). He is board certified diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists and American College of Veterinary Nutrition. Dr. Van Saun was on faculty at the College of Veterinary Medicine Oregon State University from (1992-2000) and worked with the dairy and small ruminant (sheep, goats, camelids) industries in the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Van Saun has completed research projects dealing with vitamin D, hepatic lipidosis, and trace mineral nutrition in llamas and alpacas. Dr. Van Saun joined the Penn State faculty in 2000 as an extension veterinarian and is currently a Professor of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences. Robert provides extension programs across species on various nutrition, animal health and reproductive topics regionally, nationally and internationally. He is responsible for teaching courses on parasitology and pathology of nutritional diseases. His research interests include the role of nutrition in animal health and performance, especially pregnancy nutrition, and improving diagnostic tests to evaluate nutritional status. He authored the nutrition chapter for the Complete Alpaca book and recently published articles describing nutritional requirements for llamas and alpacas that have been incorporated into the new NRC publication.

HILARY WARE

Hilary has kept company with llamas since 1983 when her "Gelding Emeritus", Tupac, became a family member. Contributions to the llama community include past president of GALA, past chair of the Llama Medical Research Group, co-chair of the Camelid Community Standards of Care Working Group, llama and alpaca superintendent at Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg, Maine since 1988, and creator of "Indiana Bones", the first life-sized, hands-on birthing and teaching llama model. The Indiana Bones concept was a natural extension of Hilary's human childbirth education classes and first appeared in an article for Llama Life II in 1996. Hilary has presented normal camelid birthing (for humans – the llamas don't need this) at several previous GALA Conferences and the LAMAS Conference in 1997 and 2001.

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the GALA Conference, there will be a Photo Calendar offered as the "purchase" item at the conference.



PHOTO CALENDAR

All GALA members are urged to send in photographs of your farm and your camelids. As you contemplate photos for this calendar, keep in mind scenes and shots that would be appropriate for the various months of the year. Photos might reflect beauty, humor and, of course, the joys of sharing life with our camelid companions.

Photographs to be used in the calendar will be selected by a committee appointed by GALA's Conference Committee. *Please note that this competition is in addition to our wonderful Conference Photo Contest.*

RULES:

- Maximum of five submissions from each GALA-member farm
- Both color and black & white accepted
- **FORMAT:** photos should be sent electronically. No file should be more than 2 MB. Photos should be in .jpeg or .jpg format, please no .bmp or .gif files.
- **Due Date: SEPTEMBER 15, 2012**
- Both amateur and professional photographers eligible
- Send to: galacalendarphotos@hotmail.com



By submitting photos to the 25th Anniversary Calendar Competition, you are granting the use of such photos to be used in the 2013 calendar. If you are unable to submit your photos electronically, send an 8" x 10" glossy photo (so that it can be scanned easily) to Kelly Ralph, 457A Main Street, Yaphank, New York 11980-1506.



Fiber Evaluation

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SEND IN:

- 3 ounces of raw, clean camelid fiber (do NOT wash) in a clear plastic bag
- A photo of the animal
- And, this entry form, plus a \$20 entry fee (per fiber sample). **Make your check payable to GALA Conference 2012.**

GET BACK:

One 2 ounce handspun skein of yarn from your fiber, and a written evaluation of your fiber by our talented hand spinners.

Name _____ Farm Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Animal _____ Animal's Birth Date _____

Date of Shearing _____ F M G

Send fiber and payment to: Sherry Lynch 234 Sugar Cake Road Somerset PA 15501-7411.

Samples must be postmarked by: September 15, 2012

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